

Mr. Speaker, I rise to thank Congressman *Mark Udall* and Congressman *Zach Wamp* and the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus for sponsoring the expo today in the Cannon Caucus Room. I urge all Members and staff to attend.

I believe Members from both sides of the aisle can agree that renewable energy and energy efficiency will be a big part of our effort to wean ourselves from a dangerous reliance on foreign oil.

This new and developing sector of the economy will generate thousands of new jobs, high-paying green collar jobs that will remain in and won't be outsourced.

The union of renewable energy and energy efficiency with the built environment will not only generate new jobs and new technology, but it will help to immediately address global climate change. According to recent studies, the quickest and easiest way to positively affect global climate change is to design and build--or retrofit--high-performance green buildings. These buildings are energy efficient, healthy, safe, and secure.

Developing buildings that use renewable energy and seeking energy efficiency is a win for the economy, for the environment, and for the people who work in them.